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WITH REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 22, 2006, setting a three-month term for reply.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), a one-month extension of the period for reply, *i.e.*, up to and including June 22, 2006 is requested. A check for \$60.00 is enclosed in payment of the fee under 37 CFR §1.17(a). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally